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Buol language

Buol (Bual, Bwo'ol, Bwool, Dia) is an Austronesian language spoken in North-eastern Sulawesi, Indonesia.

Buol	
Apadu Vuolo	
Pronunciation	['apadu 'βuɔʎɔ]
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Buol Regency
Native speakers	96,000 (2000 census)[1]
Language family	Austronesian ▪ Malayo-Polynesian ▪ Philippine ▪ Greater Central Philippine ▪ Gorontalo–Mongondow ▪ Gorontalic ▪ **Buol**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`blf`
Glottolog	`buol1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/buol1237)`[2]

Phonology

Vowels are /a e i o u/.[3] Stress falls on penultimate syllable, with sequence of like vowels counting as one syllable. Consonants are:

		Labial	Apical	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasal		m	n		ŋ	
Plosive/Affricate	**voiceless**	p	t̪		k	(ʔ)
	voiced	b	d	(dʒ)	g	
Fricative	**voiceless**		(s)			(h)
	voiced	β				
Approximant			l	j	w	
Trill			r			

/dʒ/ occurs in loans. /h/, /s/, /ʔ/ are found in loans and a small number of native words, such as /buahaŋa/ 'k.o. cricket', /sio/ 'nine', /naʔal/ 'bark slippers'.

/β/ only occurs before /u/, but there are near-minimal pairs such as /βuŋo/ 'fruit', /buŋol/ 'leaf'.

/l/ is pronounced [l] after a front vowel, as in [dila] 'tongue'; [ɾ] if not preceded, but followed by a front vowel, as in [aɾe] 'chin'; and [ʎ] elsewhere. However, there is an exception with the sequences /lala, lola, lolo/, where the first /l/ is pronounced [l], as in /lolo/ [loʎo] 'face'.

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